PLANNING, HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE SECRETARIAT

Review of the Administration Report of the Excise Department for the year 1960-61.

READ—

Letter No. ACT. 303/DOB (L) 61, dated the 25th May 1962, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore, forwarding the annual report on the working of the Excise Department for the year 1960-61 together with the statistical statements.

ORDER No. PHS 39 EDC 62, DATED BANGALORE, THE 5TH SEPTEMBER 1962.

Recorded.

Shri C. Narasimha Moorthy, I.A.S, continued to be in-charge of the Department as Commissioner for Excise during the year under review Shri Mir Yousuf Ali Khan, B A., continued to be the First Headquarter Assistant to the Excise Commissioner and the *Ex-officio* Superintendent, E.I B., Bangalore. Shri K R. Kalaiah continued to be the Second Headquarter Assistant to the Excise Commissioner up to 6th February 1961 (forenoon) on which date he was permitted to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation and that Shri Mir Yousuf Ali Khan, First Headquarter Assistant, continued to be in additional charge for the remaining period.

Country Spirits :—The Mysore Sugar Company, Ltd., Bangalore, and Messrs. India Sugar Refineries, Ltd., Hospet, continued to be the licensed distilleries to the Department. The rates of molasses arrack of 35° UP payable to the Mysore Sugar Company was the same as in the previous year, *viz*, 80 nP. per gallon and that for molasses arrack of 30° UP. payable to Messrs India Sugar Refineries, Ltd., Hospet, was 78 nP. per gallon.

The Distilleries at Mandya and Hospet were under the administrative control of the Excise Department under the provisions of the Excise Act, 1961 The Distillery at Mandya continued to be under the control and supervision of the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya, and the Distillery at Hospet was under the control of the Deputy Commissioner, Bellary District. The prescribed license fee of Rs 7,500 per annum was levied and recovered for renewal of the licences held by the two distilleries.

The arrangements made for the supply of liquor from Mandya Distillary to several depots were the same as in previous years The Distillery at Hospet continued to manufacture commercial spirits, *viz.*, rectified and denatured spirits. Permission was also granted to them by Government for the manufacture of molasses arrack of 30° UP. and special liquors of 25° UP. for supply to Hyderabad Karnatak area

The number of shops licensed for the retail sale of molasses arrack in the wet areas of the State was 71 while that of the sale of bottled liquors was seven. Prohibition was introduced in all the taluks of Mysore District excepting Mysore City and Taluk

The consumption of arrack of 35° U.P. was 2,59,687 gallons and 47 drams while that of special liquors supplied in bottles was 5,015 gallons

Rectified spirit —The number of licences issued and renewed during the year under report was 767 as against 789 of the previous year. These figures represent licences issued to persons as well as Government institutions, aided institutions, hospitals, dispensaries, health units and veterinary dispensaries

The total quantity of rectified spirit manufactured during the year including the balance at the close of the previous year 8,65,051-4 gallons in Mandya Distillery and 1,12,162 2 gallons at Hospet Distillery

The total quantity of absolute alcohol manufactured during the year was 30,783·2 gallons.

Denatured Spirit —One thousand one hundred and twenty-six licences were issued during the year for possession and use of denatured spirit to Government and other aided institutions, hospitals, dispensaries, health units and veterinary dispensaries and to private persons for the manufacture of french polish.

Spirituous Medicinal Preparations —The quantity of spirituous medicinal preparations imported was 1571·10 proof gallons and that exported was 5947 5456 proof gallons.

Toddy:—The number of shops for the sale of date and cocoanut toddy was, 1,091. No trees were permitted to be tapped free of tree tax for domestic consumption.

Malt Liquors —The number of licences issued exclusively for the sale of country beer was nine and the quantity of beer consumed during the year was 3,66,036-12 gallons.

Foreign Liquors —All the licences issued after recovery of fixed license fees were renewed in favour of the existing licensees The licences renewed were 72 and the quantity of liquor consumed was 3,952 gallons and 33 drams.

Ganja (Hemp Drugs) —The sale and distribution of ganja for other than scientific purposes was stopped from 1st July 1958 in old Mysore area and 1st October 1958 in Hyderabad Karnataka and all the shops were closed with effect from that date.

Opium —The sale of opium in licensed shops was prohibited from 1st April 1959 in accordance with the policy of Government and issues were made only to addicts who held permits and scientific and medicinal purposes. All licensed shops were closed from 1st April 1959

Offences —The total number of cases (including the cases pending at the beginning of the year) for disposal was 2,948, of these 1536 were disposed of departmentally, 792 cases were sent up for trial in the courts leaving 622 cases pending at the close of the year.

Prohibition in the State —Prohibition was extended to Mysore District except Mysore City and Taluk from 1st July 1960 Out of 19 Districts, 15 are dry and 4 are wet

Prohibition was introduced in the Mysore District except Mysore City and Taluk from 1st July 1960 *vide* Notification No HD 28 EDC 60, dated the 14th June 1960 with effect from the 1st July 1960 Hence out of the 19 Districts in the State, 14 Districts noted below and Mysore District, except Mysore City and Taluk and two other taluks of Bangalore District (*viz.*, Ramanagaram and Channapatna) were dry at the end of the period under review.

1. Chickmagalur.
2. Chitradurga.
3. Kolar
4. Shimoga.
5. Tumkur.
6. Bellary
7. Hassan.
8. Bidar
9. Dharwar.
10. Belgaum.
11. Bijapur
12. North Kanara.
13. Coorg
14. South Kanara.

Revenue and Expenditure

	Rs. nP
A. Revenue	
Gross demand	3,90,23,729=07
Collection during the year	3,21,14,333=26
Balance on 31st March 1961	69,09,395=81

Action is being taken to recover the arrears from the defaulters by coercive measures under Land Revenue Rules and by filing civil suits

B. Expenditure .. Rs. 16,45,318=05

The working of the Department was on the whole satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

B. V. IYENGAR,
Secy. to Govt, P. H. S. Dept.